



FORT COMPLEX FIRE INFORMATION (530) 841 4451

September 14, 2012

Information Update on Fort Complex

YREKA, CA- Another crew of 20 firefighters joined the existing two crews to help keep the Goff Fire contained within the fireline and natural barriers at the northwest corner of the fire. Low humidity and warming temperatures have led to more active fire conditions. By 9:00AM the temperature was already 75 degrees at the crest compared to 50 degrees down at the Incident Command Post in Happy Camp, CA.

Increased smoke is visible due to burning of interior islands of vegetation and tactical burning being used to strengthen containment lines. The firefighting crews are continuing to camp overnight nearby in order to gain an early morning start working on mop up and containment lines. Helicopter water drops continue to provide vital support to the firefighting efforts on the ground.

Suppression repair work at Seiad Valley, CA along State Highway 96 and the Seiad Creek Road is nearly completed. An assessment of fire suppression repairs and hazard trees was completed today along the portion of Pacific Crest Trail between State Highway 96 and the crest. Work on those tasks will continue today.

Forest visitors are urged to be extra careful with any activity that has the potential to start a fire. Visitors need to be aware that Klamath National Forest is in Fire Restrictions. Check the Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or with a Forest Service station for local conditions. Please call (530) 841-4451 for fire information.

Closures & Fire Restrictions: Various trail, road, area closures, and fire restrictions will stay in place for the safety of firefighters and forest visitors. Drivers are urged to use caution, especially on Highway 96 west of Seiad Valley, CA.

Thompson Creek (18NO1), Thompson Ridge Road (19NO1), Lily Pad Road (47N80) and Bug Creek Road (18N02) are closed on Klamath National Forest. Multiple trail closures are in effect including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), Boundary National Recreation Trail, Fort Goff Trail and Portuguese Creek Trail. Please check the closure and fire restriction information posted on InciWeb at: www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/, on the Klamath National Forest website at: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath and on the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is also in effect.

Siskiyou County air quality information: <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us> The Klamath and Rogue River -Siskiyou National Forests are in fire restrictions. Forest visitors are reminded to use care while in the Forest and check the Forests' websites at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or <http://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou> or with a Forest Service station for local conditions.

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